



PUBLIC NOTICE

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Brenda K. Argoe, Clerk of Court



TO: Practitioners/Constituents

SUBJECT: Public Access to Court Records after the Implementation
of CM/ECF

DATE: January 7, 2003

On July 11, 1997, Public Notice 97-4 was issued announcing the availability of public access to court imaged records and advising that by using Internet technology, the public would be able to view/save/print imaged documents from their office or home.

With the conversion to Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) on January 21, 2003, this notice is being given as a reminder to all practitioners and parties that all documents filed with the court in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings are public records and may be viewed by any person unless the court has ordered a record to be sealed.

Whether a document is filed electronically using CM/ECF or whether documents are rendered electronic by being scanned (imaged) into CM/ECF, the case and adversary proceeding files, and the docket record in this court are available at the courthouse (1100 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina) and via the ECF/Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) Internet site, <http://ecf.scb.uscourts.gov>. You must be a registered user of ECF/PACER to access the documents and you may register on-line from our site or directly from <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. There is a \$.07 per page charge for ECF/PACER service. The fees for electronic access to court records are assessed in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1930(b), (Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule).

An attorney's current Web PACER login and password will be the same for ECF/PACER. When the conversion to CM/ECF is completed, Web PACER will be discontinued and all access to the electronic record will be via ECF/PACER.

Pursuant to Operating Order 02-08 (available at www.scb.uscourts.gov), the electronic record, whether documents are filed electronically using CM/ECF or whether documents are rendered electronic by being scanned (imaged) into CM/ECF, constitutes the official record of cases and proceedings in this court.

If attorneys have not been doing so since Public Notice 97-4, they should advise their clients regarding the fact that documents filed with the court are public records (11 U.S.C. §107) and the fact that these records are available electronically via ECF/PACER.